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FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE ON SUBJECT ARE QUOTED FROM
OTTAWA JOURNAL OF FEBRUARY 17:

BEGIN QUOTE. UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WILLIAM
SIMON HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM FINANCE MINISTER JOHN
TURNER TO VISIT OTTAWA NEXT MONTH TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS
FACING THE TWO COUNTRIES.

MR. SIMON WILL MEET WITH MR. TURNER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE CABINET MARCH 11 AND 12 TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY
IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS IMPACT ON CANADA.

MR. SIMON IS THE FIRST AMERICAN TREASURY SECRETARY TO
COME TO CANADA SINCE THE SHARP EXCHANGES THAT TOOK PLACE IN
OTTAWA MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO DURING THE LAST MINISTERIAL
MEETINGS.

..... CANADA'S NEW MOVES IN THE FIELD OF OIL EXPORTS
AND HER INCREASING TREND TOWARD NATIONALISM HAVE AROUSED
CONCERN IN WASHINGTON.

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LAST WEEK OPPOSITION MEMBERS QUESTIONED AGRICULTURE
MINISTER EUGENE WHELAN ABOUT THE "TRADE WAR" BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE U.S. HE DENIED THERE WAS ANY SUCH "TRADE WAR" BUT
ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WERE SOME DIFFICULTIES.

AMERICAN INTERFERENCE WITH CANADIAN FIRMS, WITH PARENT
COMPANIES IN THE U.S., MAKING SALES TO CUBA HAS AROUSED
ANNOYANCE IN THIS COUNTRY.

CANADA'S FRIENDLINESS TOWARD CUBA AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THIS WEEKEND THAT SHE IS PROVIDING A \$10 MILLION LONG-TERM
LOW INTEREST LOAN TO CUBA ALONG WITH \$2.6 MILLION IN TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANTS, ONLY SERVES TO EXACERBATE THE UNEASINESS
IN WASHINGTON OVER CANADIAN-CUBAN RELATIONS.

MR. TURNER HOPES MR. SIMON'S VISIT TO OTTAWA WILL LEAD
TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CANADA'S PROBLEMS BY THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. END QUOTE.
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